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DESIGNATIONS

REF: A. STATE 52795
1B. ISLAMABAD 5357
1C. ISLAMABAD 5382
1D. ISLAMABAD 5070

Classified By: DCM Peter W. Bodde, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

11. (S) On April 5, Poloff delivered Ref A talking points and background papers on Lashkar-e-Tayyba (LET) and Al-Akhtar Trust to MFA (UN) Director Imran Siddiqui. Poloff pressed Siddiqui of the importance the U.S. places on full and vigorous implementation of UN 1267 Committee terror finance sanctions, regardless of legal challenges filed by designated entities in a member country's domestic courts. Poloff also suggested that the Government of Pakistan (GOP) refine its request for releasable information on designated entities such as JUD, Al-Akhtar Trust and Al-Rashid Trust, specifying areas in which it has factual gaps in its own information. Poloff also asked Siddiqui whether the GOP would support the coming U.S. request to the 1267 Committee to amend the LET designation to include Jamaat-ud-Dawa and its aliases.

12. (S) Siddiqui thanked poloff for the two background papers and said that the GOP would follow-up on the suggestion to submit more focused requests for information on these designated entities. Reaffirming the GOP's commitment to combating terrorism, he said that all 1267 Committee sanctions have been fully implemented against LET, Al-Akhtar Trust and Al-Rashid Trust and that they remain in effect, regardless of ongoing challenges in Pakistan's domestic courts. Siddiqui commented on the public opposition to the GOP's implementation of terror finance sanctions, which are popularly perceived as having a foreign genesis; in the GOP's view, this widespread public perception makes the government's efforts to persuade Islamists to turn away from violence significantly more challenging.

13. (S) Comment: Regarding Department's concern raised in Raf A, para 3, post does not believe that the GOP misunderstands the nature of international legal obligations under UNSCR 1267. To the contrary, the GOP fully understands its obligation to implement 1267 Committee terror finance sanctions. Its request for information (Ref B) related specifically to its need to respond to domestic legal challenges by designees. These domestic court cases have the potential to rile Pakistani public opinion that is already

largely antagonistic to designations, which are viewed at the grassroots level as unwarranted attacks on Muslim charitable organizations. An offer of practical assistance on legal strategies for responding to domestic challenges to 1267 Committee terror finance sanctions, such as consultations with DOJ attorneys handling similar cases in the U.S., might boost the GOP's appetite for proactive measures against designated entities.

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